

PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Docket No. 2204-011944  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit Not Yet Assigned : 2/A  
In re application of : C/F  
KENJIRO ITO, TERUHIKO SUETSUGU; HIROSHI MORIKAWA and TAKASHI YAMAUCHI : ABRASION RESISTANT STEEL  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE TITLE:

Delete the current title and insert the following:

A<sup>1</sup>

**--ABRASION RESISTANT STEEL--**

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A<sup>2</sup> Please replace the original specification with the enclosed substitute specification. A marked-up version of the substitute specification is also attached. No new matter has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

A<sup>3</sup>

Amend claim 1 as follows: